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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of KODAMA, Hidetoshi, YOKOYAMA, Koichiro, KOMURO, Kiyoto, YASUE, Takuya, AKAHANE, Takashi, and ISONO, Masahiro
INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD
THEREFOR

Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**

Our Ref: Q79055

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/544,543 (Confirmation No.7511) filed April 6, 2000 of KODAMA, Hidetoshi, YOKOYAMA, Koichiro, KOMURO, Kiyoto, YASUE, Takuya, AKAHANE, Takashi and ISONO, Masahiro entitled INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 47 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

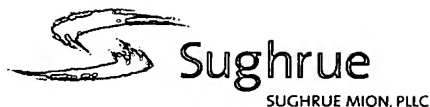
The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of Application No. 09/544,543, filed April 6, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	Hei. 11-98380	April 6, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-98383	April 6, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-155100	June 2, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-280549	September 30, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-277709	September 30, 1999

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Japan	Hei. 11-342595	December 1, 1999
Japan	2000-103652	April 5, 2000
Japan	2000-103689	April 5, 2000

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/544,543.

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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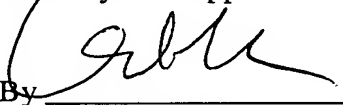
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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